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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-24 and 26-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/06/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract is not on a separate paper by it self. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 15-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 15 line 3, Applicant states that the base member having a background area and the reference marking have a first color and at the same time in line 11 of the claim, Applicant states that the background area of the base member is of a second color. What is the color of the background area of the base? Is it the first color or is it the second color?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15, 16, 18,19,20,21,22,23,24,26,27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster et al. (GB 2292892) in view of Bilkhu (WO 00/06261).

Regarding claims 15, 18,19, and 20 Foster discloses a base member (1) having a background area and a reference marking (8) of a first color located within the background area; a sighting member (5) mounted on the base member for inclination to the base member, the sighting member having an upper surface for viewing by the golfer, the upper surface including an aperture (7) therein, and the aperture extending through the sighting member to define a line of sight through the aperture to the reference marking within the background area of the base member (see Fig. 1). Foster discloses the invention as recited above but fails to explicitly state if the upper surface includes a colored region and if the colored region is of the first color, and the background area of the base member is of a second color that is visually contrasting to the first color to enable the golfer to detect head-movement by observing apparent movement of the second color in the aperture of the sighting member. On the other

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hand, Bilkhu discloses a golf practice device that has an upper surface that is black and a base member that has a white line. Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the Foster device with contrasting colors as taught by Bilkhu in order to assist the golfer to focus upon the golf practice device whilst hitting the ball.

Regarding claim 16, the aperture (7) is a circular aperture in the colored region of the upper surface of the sighting member (see Fig. 1).

Regarding claim 21, the base member (1) and the sighting member (5) are in a sheet form (see Fig. 1).

Regarding claim 22, selectively adjustable means (4) for selective adjustment of inclination of the sighting member relative to the base member to vary inclination of the line of sight.

Regarding claim 23, the sighting member is hinged to the base member (see Fig. 1).

Regarding claims 24, 26, 27 and 28, the back section of adjustable guide block 5 that sits in groove 4 is considered as a stay member. And groove elements 4 are considered as notches. As shown of Fig. 1, the base element is of elongate form. The bottom end section of guide block 5 that is inserted into the groove elements 4 is considered as a lug.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 25 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the "means for applying a resilient bias urging the stay member into engagement" invokes 112 6th paragraph. None of the prior art of record discloses the means/equivalent means for applying a resilient bias as disclosed in the instant application (see tongue 12 in Fig. 2 and see lines 4-6 of page 4 of the instant specification for the means).

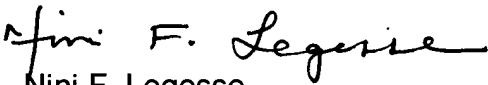
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nini F. Legesse whose telephone number is (571) 272-4412. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on (571) 272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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